

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Robert A. Walton, Sr.'s dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Walton devoted more than 26 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader in the South Dakota National Guard, including service in Iraq and many state activations in support of fire-fighting operations and blizzards where he has been recognized for his knowledge and skills; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

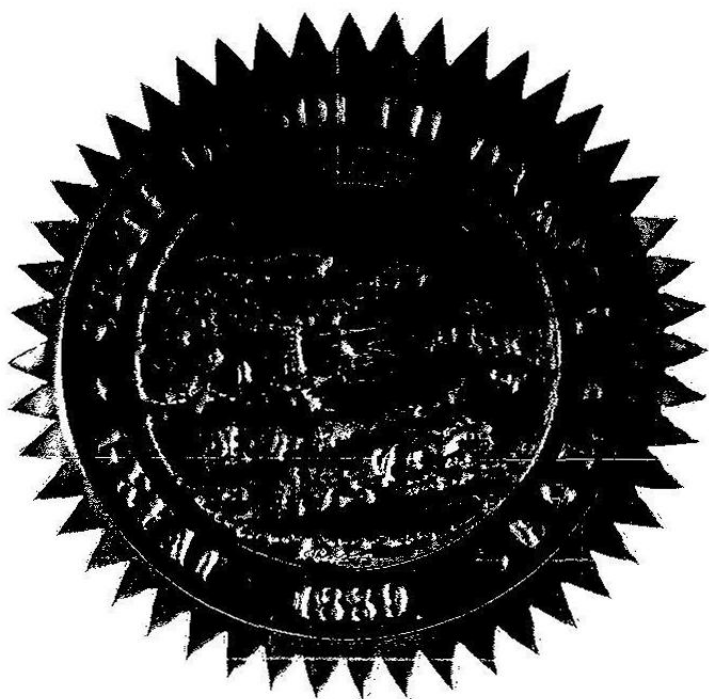
*Whereas*, Staff Sergeant Walton continues to give of himself; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Robert A. Walton, Sr. for more than 26 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

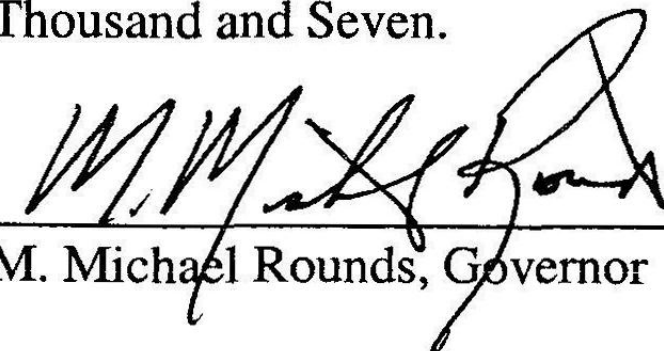
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2007, as

### *STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT A. WALTON SR. DAY*


in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State